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DEPARTMENT STORE INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES—Oct. 2003

National basis, January 1941=100, unless otherwise noted

	Indexes			Percent change to Oct. 2003 from—	
	Oct. 2002	Apr. 2003	Oct. 2003	Oct. 2002	Apr. 2003
1. Piece Goods	485.7	457.9	487.3	0.3	6.4
2. Domestics and Draperies	581.6	568.1	556.5	-4.3	-2.0
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	660.4	646.4	657.4	-0.5	1.7
4. Men's Shoes	895.6	844.7	844.9	-5.7	0.0
5. Infants' Wear	628.9	597.8	609.1	-3.1	1.9
6. Women's Underwear	544.2	517.2	520.2	-4.4	0.6
7. Women's Hosiery	339.8	347.1	352.3	3.7	1.5
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	551.6	552.1	578.0	4.8	4.7
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	388.2	385.7	387.8	-0.1	0.5
10. Men's Clothing	573.0	569.0	552.3	-3.6	-2.9
11. Men's Furnishings	599.3	589.8	592.1	-1.2	0.4
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	459.4	465.5	441.9	-3.8	-5.1
13. Jewelry	897.1	876.5	883.7	-1.5	0.8
14. Notions	808.9	794.1	786.9	-2.7	-0.9
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	975.1	982.5	984.0	0.9	0.2
16. Furniture and Bedding	626.4	627.7	618.8	-1.2	-1.4
17. Floor Coverings	592.6	584.4	589.4	-0.5	0.9
18. Housewares	745.8	730.3	714.3	-4.2	-2.2
19. Major Appliances	223.7	215.3	210.2	-6.0	-2.4
20. Radio and Television	47.6	46.4	44.4	-6.7	-4.3
21. Recreation and Education ¹	85.2	83.7	82.1	-3.6	-1.9
22. Home Improvements ¹	124.6	125.1	125.3	0.6	0.2
23. Automotive Accessories ¹	111.3	111.5	111.8	0.4	0.3
1-15. Soft Goods	582.7	573.8	574.9	-1.3	0.2
16-20. Durable Goods	407.4	399.0	390.0	-4.3	-2.3
21-23. Miscellaneous Goods ¹	95.7	94.8	93.8	-2.0	-1.1
Store Total ²	518.1	510.0	507.8	-2.0	-0.4

¹ Indexes on a January 1986=100 base.

² The Store Total index covers all departments, with the following exceptions: candy, food, liquor, tobacco, as well as contract departments.

NOTE: Indexes for previous periods and a brief description of the methods used in calculating the indexes may be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Labor Statistics at (202) 691-6968. The application of these indexes in the preparation of tax returns is solely within the jurisdiction of the Internal Revenue Service. Treasury Decision No. 5605 accords the use of the elective inventory method by taxpayers employing the retail inventory method.

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